

## **State Youth Council**

### **October 14, 2004**

**Attendees:** Jan Zogmaister, Alison Young, Rod Crockett, Rickie Bryan, Wayne Griffin, Bob Haywood, Tom Darais, Paul Otto, Pam Russell, Scott Williams, Becky Tierney, Stefanie Hullinger, Jill Merritt for Paul Jackson, Carol Voorhees for Jim Jensen, Richard Nelson, Brad Neufeld, Lynette Robinson

**Staff:** Susan Hill, Kathy Leiker, Christine Mayne, Susan Etzel, Delena Fish, Rebecca Banner, Mary Zorn, Jane Broadhead

Jan Zogmaister welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming and their work in the regions. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Rickie Bryan motioned to approve the minutes; Scott Williams seconded the motion and the group approved.

#### **Communications Sub-Committee**

Tom Darais discussed the youth newsletter and mentioned that it now has a new name, "It's About Youth". He said that the sub-committee worked out the schedule for the regional spotlights. He also mentioned that they will be providing a calendar of events for everyone, so that they can make deadlines, etc. Jane Broadhead congratulated the sub-committee for their work and this has become an excellent newsletter.

#### **Contract Extensions**

Jane Broadhead said that they would be approving the contracts for Mountainland and North regions. Rickie Bryan motioned to approve the contract extensions; Lynette Robinson seconded the motion and the group approved.

#### **Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling and Medicaid**

Bob Haywood explained the status of Title 19 customers that can be served by mental health centers; basically there is no funding for these customers. He also said that this is affecting adults and not just youth. The State of Utah is in negotiations with the Title 19 Federal Partners. He said that some states are getting waivers to use proceeds to serve non-title 19 customers, but we don't have as many profits because there is not much funding coming in. He also mentioned that two years ago, Mental Health & Substance Abuse were combined into one division by the Legislature. He said that these are individual run facilities and they may not get the services that another facility gets. Bob gave a website, [www.hsmn.utah.gov](http://www.hsmn.utah.gov), that can provide information on the service providers. He said that substance abuse funding comes from the general

fund and the best way to find out about access to this funding talk to the local provider. Jane Broadhead said that there is a set of elements that have to be provided to WIA youth. She said that this is a service element that may not be provided often but we need to be able to use it if necessary. She also mentioned the need to partner with this group. Jan asked that everyone take this information back to their regions so that they know what is going on.

### **Transition to Adult Living RECONNECT**

Pam Russell said that there has been a lot going on with this program in the last six months. She said that DHS has been involved with the National Governor's Association on this initiative, working on the plan and goals. She said that there is now a website and ETV funds for training. She said that she wanted to thank Department of Workforce Services (DWS) for their work on this project. There are currently 7 kids in college. Jane Broadhead also thanked everyone that has been involved. Pam said that we are still working out the kinks, but the communication is flowing. She said that they would be doing an FAQ on the ETV funds so that workers can have this information. She also mentioned the Independent Living Youth Summit, November 5-6, 2004. She said that all WIA and Community partners would be in attendance. Jane mentioned the pilot project in the North region; they have been working on putting this together on paper in order to share it with the other regions.

### **DOL's New Strategic Vision for Youth**

Jane Broadhead opened this issue up for discussion with the group. Jan Zogmaister said that this is a good document, and we will be following it. She mentioned how the youth programs should offer a way to transition to adult roles and responsibilities; it also talks about out of school youth, transitioning out of youth corrections, etc. Jane said that with the TAL program we are a bit ahead of the rest of the United States in this area. Jan mentioned the partnering and coordination that needs to be done with this new vision. She also mentioned that it discusses partnering with employers for jobs. She asked the group to champion this program so that business can be involved. Jane mentioned the portion about focusing on alternative education. She asked Rod Crockett to give the group more information about this issue. He said that in Mountainland they brought all of the education entities together to discuss this issue. He said that they discussed the youth that are falling through the cracks and it took quite a bit of effort to get this together. He also mentioned that they had a strong commitment from the counselors at the secondary level to work with DWS and help children through the system. He said that it was very important to get Education to understand that what these youth need, takes a lot of time and energy to make it work. They held a summit that was attended by over 200 Education entities. Jane

also asked about the North pilot project and how it is going. Beckie Tierney said that there are quite a few non-traditional students and everyone needs to find out what is out there and available. She mentioned Northridge Learning Center, Summer School contracted through Ogden High School. The Western region collaborated with DWS and the school districts that cover 11 counties. They met the Superintendent's of all the school districts, who invited them to the monthly principals meetings. They go to the schools and work with all kids whether they are signed up through WIA or not, and also provide workshops. Richard Nelson said that once you make the relationship, you could get more information, i.e. drop-outs that can be enrolled. They also provide WIA services in the field. They had over 1500 youth that they have been able to work with and help. Jane Broadhead mentioned that we may have some challenges in this program and we want to serve the neediest youth. The new vision also discusses working with youth with incarcerated parents and migrant youth. Chris Mayne asked if the demographics could be done on these two areas for the entire state. Chris also mentioned increasing worksite learning for youth and job readiness skills that are certified that they are ready to work. She also mentioned the targeted industry that provides information about these areas; she said that each region has region specific industries.

**ACTION: Discuss priority of service list and point levels at the January meeting. Demographics of youth with incarcerated parents and migrant youth broken down by region.**

### **Performance Measures**

Jane Broadhead mentioned the outcome information. She said that DOL has changed the reporting period and it is now October 1, 2004. We've met most of our outcome requirements. There are some areas that didn't meet 100% but we are within the 80% level which is acceptable. The PY 04 outcomes are considerably higher. There is a 10% increase in overall outcomes. Jan Zogmaister mentioned that there were three areas that the regions have worked hard on and now we will have to focus more on these areas. Jane also discussed the budget and we are at 52% on out of school youth for PY 03. Currently we are 59% statewide.

Jan Zogmaister asked for public comment, there was none, the meeting was then adjourned.